

THE MARYLAND SENATE.

The Republicans Confident of Electing a Majority of Its Members.

The Reasons They Give for the Hope That is in Them.

The Candidates and the Contents in the Several Counties Where the Fight is Hottest.

Progress of the Campaign in Various Parts of the State.

Special Dispatch.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 31.—There is one feature of the Maryland campaign that is of decided interest to the republicans, and that is the really encouraging prospect they have of gaining control of the senatorial branch of the state legislature. The senate consists of twenty-six members, of whom thirteen hold over, leaving thirteen to be elected this year. Of the thirteen senators holding over eight are republicans and five democrats, giving the former a decided advantage to start with. The democratic counties of Caroline, Harford, Montgomery, Prince George, and Talbot are all now represented by hold-over republican senators.

The districts which elect senators in November are Anne Arundel, Calvert, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Kent, Somerset, Queen Anne's, Washington, Wicomico, the first and second Baltimore districts, and the county of Baltimore outside of the city.

To gain control of the senate the republicans must elect in six of the districts enumerated. Frederick, Somerset and Washington are reliably republican, and may be set down as sure to bring the party membership up to eleven, leaving but three more to gain, for which the close districts of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Carroll, Kent, and the third Baltimore city will be fought over. The democrats have, judging from the record of past elections, a sure thing of electing in Queen Anne's, Wicomico, Baltimore county, and the first Baltimore districts.

In Anne Arundel George Wells is the democratic nominee, Nicholas Brewer being his republican opponent. In 1890 this county gave Hancock 204 majority over Garfield, but in 1892 the republicans carried it by 189, and this year claim it by even a larger majority. Mr. Brewer is very popular, and his election is claimed at headquarters almost without qualification.

In Calvert the democrats have nominated Thomas W. Smith, and the republicans Edward H. Ireland. Something like the same political conditions exist in Queen Anne's. Arundel exist in this county. It went democratic in the presidential campaign of 1890 by 188 majority, but in 1892 the republicans had 346 majority, and have been making a vigorous aggressive fight this year. Both nominees are of good standing in their respective parties, and the chances are that the contest will be close and interesting. If the republicans can maintain the advantage they gained last year they will, of course, have the best chance of electing their senator.

The nominees in Carroll are T. Herbert Shriver, democrat, and Isaac C. Bailey, republican. This county is democratic, having given 354 majority in 1890 and 181 majority in 1892. Ordinarily it would be considered a sure thing for the democrats, but I think the republicans are exceptionally strong candidates. He has in past years been put up for various positions in the county and invariably elected. I heard it said in the democratic state central committee rooms that he would be elected, and I find they consider his success almost certain. Taking the two opinions together, it makes a decidedly hopeful outlook for the republican nominee.

Queen county is very close, having gone democratic by 116 majority in 1890 and 52 in 1892. The democrats have put up as their nominee Mr. William B. Usilton, to whom the republicans have opposed Hon. William D. Birchfield, a man of great influence and popularity. The preponderance of chances really seems to be very decidedly in his favor, both on account of his greater local strength and the general tendency toward republican gains in that part of the state.

In Howard, Edwin Warfield, democrat, and George W. S. Hall, republican, are the nominees. The county gave Hancock 422 majority and went democratic last year by 206. The republicans are making a stiff fight, and have some hopes of succeeding, but I think the chances are decidedly against them, and that Mr. Warfield will be returned to the senate.

The third Baltimore district consists of the fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth wards, and the first, second, third, seventh, eighth, and ninth precincts of the fourteenth ward. It went democratic by a slim majority in 1892, but was carried by Heiskell in the mayoralty contest last week by between 400 and 500 majority. To the republicans it is the most hopeful fighting ground in the city, and will be hotly contested. For senator the republicans have nominated Maj. Wm. T. Adreon, brother of the popular postmaster, and the democrats have put up Mr. Thomas H. Seligman against him. Both are strong, popular men with their parties, and thorough-going politicians. Adreon is a witty, effective speaker, and is making a canvass that "makes the hair of the back of the neck" of all receiving part of the independent democratic vote that was cast for Heiskell, but in compensation for this loss will receive that part of the republican vote that was cast for Latrobe in opposition to Heiskell. It is not safe to predict the outcome here, but it is tolerably sure that neither party will be able to say with certainty who has been elected senator prior to the counting of the last vote.

The leaders of the democracy do not fail to perceive the force of the chances for gaining the mastery in the senate possessed by the republicans, and are working strenuously to offset possible losses in their close districts, by making it hot for the republican nominees in Frederick, Somerset, and Washington in Frederick. Dr. Lewis H. Bittner is the republican nominee, and having been rather an active politician in past years, has incurred some factional enmities within his own party ranks, which the democrats deem of sufficient importance to justify their making a hard effort to bring about his defeat. They are said to be instructed to trade off votes on governor, comptroller, and the county ticket for votes for Noah Bowles, their senatorial candidate, who will probably be able to make a close thing of it. But Dr. Bittner has a natural republican majority of over 500 at his back, and as the republicans are fully advised as to the tactics of their enemy he should pull through with fair majority. In Somerset, though the democrats are working like beavers to elect George Paul Jones over Thomas S. Hodson, the republican nominee, their efforts are not likely to be crowned with success. The county is reliably republican. Mr. Hodson is popular and will poll his full party strength, with all reasonable probabilities pointing to his election.

Writing without partiality, it seems to me that the republicans will probably elect the six senators they need. They will get three in Frederick, Somerset, and Washington almost beyond doubt. In Anne Arundel, Calvert, and Kent they will probably elect. In Carroll they were more than an even chance, and in the third Baltimore district Maj. Adreon's prospect of election is little less flattering than that of his opponent. For future reference, the following list of the districts and nominees will be useful:

Districts. Republican. Democrat. Anne Arundel..... George Wells..... Nicholas Brewer. Calvert..... T. W. Smith..... Edward H. Ireland. Carroll..... T. H. Shriver..... Isaac C. Bailey. Frederick..... Nicholas Brewer..... George Wells. Howard..... Edwin Warfield..... George W. S. Hall. Kent..... W. B. Usilton..... William D. Birchfield. Queen Anne's..... W. T. Adreon..... Thomas H. Seligman. Washington..... Lewis H. Bittner..... Noah Bowles. Wicomico..... T. C. Lane..... W. B. Kelley. Baltimore city..... W. T. Adreon..... Thomas H. Seligman. Baltimore county..... C. B. Slugg..... T. B. Boush. 1st Baltimore..... H. W. Ruff..... Wm. Coth. 2d Baltimore..... T. G. Hayes.....

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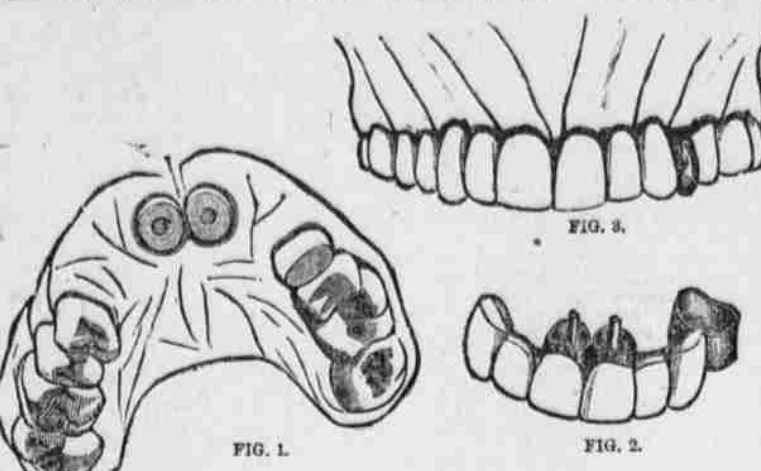


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MR. PERROTTE'S SUICIDE.

What Can be Learned of His Life—No Cause Assigned for the Act.

Mr. J. M. Perrotte, whose death by suicide at the Manhattan hotel in New York was announced in THE REPUBLICAN yesterday morning, was a clerk in the adjutant general's office, having been appointed on the recommendation of Gen. Drum. He was a native of England and came to this country at the close of the war. He entered the army and served for several years. His residence in this city was of some six months' duration only. He boarded at 1732 G street northwest. Mr. Perrotte or Perrotet, as his friends say, is the right manner of spelling the name, was a Mason, affiliated with the lodge No. 3. He was regular in his habits, an industrious student, strictly temperate, and being of saving habits was comparatively well off. He was a spiritualist in belief, well posted in the literature of his belief, and had a large library of spiritualistic works. Mr. Perrotte was about 44 years old. He had served in Gen. Sheridan's office in Chicago with Mr. N. Hersher, a clerk at the present time in the war department, who told a reporter that he was absolutely no reason for the commission of the deed. All his friends, and he seemed to have many, unite in expressing wonder at the deed. He was on his annual vacation at the time. He was a man devoted to literary pursuits, and at one time was teacher of an Episcopal parochial school in Australia. He was also a bachelor, 44 years of age, and had traveled in many countries during his eventful life. Mr. N. Hersher left for New York last night, and will accompany the remains to this city.

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REV. MR. HOWE'S RESIGNATION.

Meeting of the Congregation of the P Street Presbyterian Church, West Washington.

A large congregational meeting was held last night in the lecture room of the P Street Presbyterian church, West Washington, presided over by the Rev. J. E. Nouns, moderator, for the purpose of considering the acceptance of the resignation of their pastor, Rev. Mr. Howe, who has so ably filled the pulpit of that church for the past eleven years, and has now received a call to a church in Norway, Conn. After the organization of the meeting and a prayer, Mr. Howe made a most feeling address, thanking the congregation for their assistance during his pastorate, and expressing the regret which the change caused him. A series of resolutions was unanimously passed accepting the pastor's resignation, and expressing high appreciation of his pastoral duties and the earnest and able manner in which he had filled the pulpit. Messrs. A. Greenleaf and William H. Tenney made addresses upon the resolutions. After the election of Messrs. Douglas, Winslow, and And as commissioners to accompany the pastor before the presbytery at its next meeting, the meeting adjourned after a prayer and the benediction.

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